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Claims 1-19 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 2 and 5 are rejected.

Claims 3, 4 and 6-19 are objected to.

The applicant is pleased to learn that claims 3, 4 and 6-19 contain allowable subject matter. The examiner objected to claims 3-4 and 6-19 for depending from rejected base claims, but stated that these claims would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 9 and 15 are base claims. Therefore, claims 9-19 should be allowed.

Claims 3-4 and 6-8 depend from base claim 1, which is rejected. However, claims 3-4 and 6-8 have not been rewritten in independent form because the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully traversed.

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Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Pulvari. U.S. Patent No. 4,365,106. Claims 1, 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pulvari in view of Ikura et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,528,898.

Claim 1 recites an integrated circuit comprising a regulated power supply including a pyroelectric capacitor.

Pulvari discloses a solar energy converter sensing device including a semiconductor layer 11 and ferroelectric layer 10 sandwiched between electrodes 15, 16 (Figs. 1-2 and col. 2, lines 11-15). Pulvari states that this device can convert absorbed thermal energy to an electric charge.

Figure 3 of Pulvari shows an electrode 16' on a glass or plastic substrate 14. The substrate functions as a lens (col. 2, lines 47-52). Figure 4 of Pulvari shows ferroelectric and semiconductor capacitors that share a common electrode 17 (col. 3, lines 31-35). Figure 5 shows an exemplary application for the device: on a leaf of a tree (col. 3, lines 53-55).

Pulvari does not teach or suggest a pyroelectric capacitor that is used as part of regulated power supply for an integrated circuit. Pulvari does not disclose a regulated power supply. Pulvari does not even disclose an integrated circuit. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-8 should be allowed over Pulvari alone.

Ikura et al. disclose a multi-layered stack of thin pyroelectric films for converting heat to electrical energy; and a voltage controller for providing a synchronization of the thermal and electric cycling of the pyroelectric films (col. 3, lines 5-20). Thermal cycles are applied to the stack by supplying hot and cold

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water (Figs. 2-3 and col. 4, lines 29-31). The system is applicable to industries that emit various grades of waste heat include power plants, incineration plants, pulp mills, refineries and chemical plants (col. 8, lines 47-67).

Ikura et al. do not teach or suggest a pyroelectric capacitor that is used as part of regulated power supply for an integrated circuit. They do not teach or suggest a regulated power supply. They do not even teach or suggest an integrated circuit. Therefore, claim1 and its dependent claims 2-8 should be allowed over Ikura et al. alone or in combination with Pulvari.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections and issue a notice of allowability. If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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